

REMARKS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication No.: 6,859,832 to Gecht et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Gecht").

The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Gecht was not invented "by another" as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Applicants submit an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 from the assignee of the application (as authorized under MPEP § 715.04), declaring that the claims pending in the instant application and the claims issued in Gecht were invented by the same inventor.

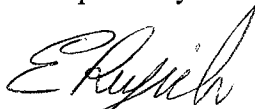
For this reason, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 11-13 remain pending and are all in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As set forth above, all of the rejections as been overcome. Therefore claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 11-13 are in condition for allowance and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

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